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The Promotion Committee has issued in circular form, and will send all over the world the following letter, written voluntarily to the committee by Dr. Leland E. Cofer, Medical Officer in charge of the Marine Hospital here and quarantine officer at this port, Dr. Cofer was formerly stationed at San Diego, and is one of the best known men in the United States in his line;

The element of charm, which enters so potently into all things. Hawaiian, makes even the climate conditions almost impossible of

"Indeed ones lives so comfortably here that the character of the climate is practically never thought of, in the same way that a sound man lives oblivious to his liver. A person newly arrived from the lands where snows and sunstrokes prevail could give a more convincing description of our days and nights than one who through sheer content has lost all sense of perspective.

"The weather statistics tell the truth but hardly the whole truth. They show, and with all accuracy, a rather high rainfall, yet the layman, either because our rains usually occur at night or else because he usually sees them as 'liquid sunshine,' would invariably pronounce the climate as the dry marine variety. The temperature, humidity and rainfall varies widely with the exposure and elevation selected as the point of observation. Therefore so long as it is possible to run by automobile over good roads in a few hours from the humid warmth of the coast to the dry cold of the highlands, so long will the opinions of men differ as to the climate taken as a whole.

"As Honolulu is the natural center and distributing point, one forms his impressions from local climate conditions. It may be said in general that the climate is of the semi-tropical variety in which the mean extremes are never reached.

"The fair days are no warmer, nor the rainy ones more disagreeable than those prevailing during the month of June in New York City, and withal there is the certainty that these conditions will obtain throughout the whole year. While a great many men dress just as they do in the eastern states, the large majority of the population enjoy the privilege not to say the luxury of being comfortable in white every day in the year.

"Surf bathing and aquatic sports, pleasures which are known to comparatively so few people on the mainland, are indulged in I particularly by children in January and July alike. In this latitude would be impossible were is not for the trade winds which keep a part of the daily routine. As every one may live constantly in the open air, the pleasures of those in good health are shared by health seekers. The medical 'don'ts' which are necessary in so many really good climates are unknown here. Therefore the convalescent in Hawaii has not the identity which is so often his, and which proves not infrequently a barrier to rapid recovery from ailment. Unlike some climates it is not good for every disease to which the human economy is liable. For example persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis will usually thrive far better in Colorado than here. On the other hand patients suffering from nervous complaints, kidney disease, etc., are justified in coming here from almost any part of the world. In short, I believe the influences in Hawaii offer the least resistance to bodily well being of any of the well-known health resorts of the world. Even if the meteorological findings are similar in other places, it is doubtful whether they make their impress upon the people as they do here.

"This climate breeds happiness and laughter, a natural and appropriate reflection of the sunlight, rainbows and purple hills, and for those who enjoy such things-there's Hawaii."

The neat folder which contains Dr. Cofer's letter contains also a summary of weather conditions in Hopolulu during the year 1905. the data being certified to have been compiled at the local office of the U. S. Weather Bureau, under charge of Alex McC. Ashley, Section Director.

### MR. RATH ON THE SOCIAL **CONDITIONS OF PALAMA**

910 Prospect Street,

Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 19, 1906. Editor Advertiser: Last night the Thursday Club at the Y M. C. A. listened to such a remarkable address by Mr. James A. Rath of Palama, that it occurs to me to beg the use of your columns for a word with reference thereto. The title of the lecture was "How the Other Half Lives," and it is no exaggeration to say that the disclosures made were of unusual timeliness and importance to all our citizens. Trained under the able corps of social scientists in the Springfield school, Mr. Rath has taken up the study of Palama on the line made famous by Charles Booth in his epochal volumes "Life and Labor of the People of London." This investigation has been pursued at odd times when the stress of work has permitted and is hardly more than begun. Yet the facts already ascertained form a most valuable contribution to the stock of material available to students of social conditions in this complex com-

The first thing that attracted the attention of the audience was a social map of the entire district showing in colors the abodes of the way in which the portion of the town Waikiki of Nuuanu the people of the several nationalities therein. Thus at a glance stream preys upon Palama for its own darker pleasures. It was one could gain a fair notion of the distribution of population. On clearly shown what a menace this and the other evils are to our this map the various saloons, cold drink shops, restaurants, hotels, city and especially to the people who dwell in Palama. This rebarber shops, bathing establishments, schools, missions and the like cital given with the calm detail of facts elicited by many hours of

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patient investigation was startling. But it was offset by the ex-After explaining this charted work Mr. Rath entered into a position of the forces in the district making for better things. It discussion of the life of the various peoples, finally taking up the is to be regretted that a large number of our business men could crucial question of how they spend their leisure time. This led no have heard this address, one effect of which was to cause all to a most discriminating exposition of the influence of the various who had this privilege to rejoice that so resourceful and devoted recreational and lounging centers of the entire district. The in- a social worker lives in the very center of this district. In fact fluence exerted upon the people by each group was carefully set the so-called Palama Chapel which occupies the strategic spot in forth. Of course, Mr. Rath did not use the Advertiser's headline this the storm center of our city's social problem is a goo.! deal that "the devil owns the town." The black spots were not painted of a misnomer. It is in reality a modern social settlement of the the address glowed with optimistic hope and paid a warm tribute to holds the key to the situation, in what excellent hands it is and how splendidly it is helping to solve the problem which it faces, The drink evil, gambling and social vice were not glossed over. there will be no trouble in enlarging and equipping it to do the DOREMUS SCUDDER.

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